

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Boxford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at the Heritage Centre.

Present: Cllr. V. Sandars (Chairman)
Cllr. A. Britton
Cllr. P. Thompson
Cllr M. Hayes-Newington.
Cllr. P. Kilding
Mrs K Clinton (Clerk)

District Cllr. P Bryant

Start Time: 7:10pm
Finish Time: 8:15pm

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr. C. Oliver-Bellasis
2. Declarations of Interest – None
3. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting 6th November 2017 – paper copy of the minutes was not available. The minutes will be approved outside of the meeting.
4. Planning Applications - none
5. Financial Matters
 - Expenses Approved: 1) AD Clark Grounds Maintenance £747.34 2) Printer Ink £33.99
 - The Status of the Accounts were reviewed. The Accounts are up to date.
 - The 2018/2019 budget and precept were reviewed. The budget and the precept figures presented showed a 2% inflation increase. The Councilors did not approve the 2% increase and a revised figure was discussed; 1% was approved - proposed by MH-N and seconded by VS. This means the precept will be £8079.67.
6. Matters for consideration and future discussions
 - The Parish Council agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of the conservation/preservation for the Roman Cleaver. The quote shown to the Parish Council was for £500 + VAT. The Boxford Parish Council will commit to £250.00. VS to confirm the contribution and arrange payment. **VS**
 - The Boxford wreath has been blown across the road and run over. VS to consider whether there is a way it can be secured in future. **VS**
 - VS to check whether the wording on the wreath can read 'From the people of Boxford'. **VS**
 - The parish councillors are very grateful and excited by the new events in the parish including the Boxford Together Candlelit Christmas event. It is hoped that this event can become an annual event. The Parish Council would be more than happy to help in anyway. It was a shame the Christmas tree was taken down so early.

- The Boxford Defibrillator register needs to be reviewed and updated. The Clerk will contact people on the register and update accordingly. **KC**
- The Clerk to send a response to the metal detector resident's email. **KC**
- It is proposed a future Parish Council communications strategy is discussed. The clerk will add this to the next meeting's agenda. **KC**

Date for the next meeting is Monday 4th March 2018 at the Parish Room / Heritage Centre at 7pm.